

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, the 2nd Battalion (TS) (FA) 289th Regiment's outstanding support, guidance, and tireless commitment to excellence provided to the 2nd Battalion 147th Field Artillery during the Battalion's mobilization for Operation Iraqi Freedom II, the state of South Dakota hereby recognizes your service; and,

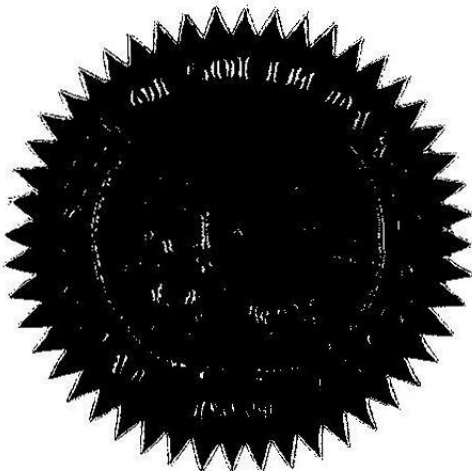
Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the following patriotic individuals for their support and guidance to the 2nd Battalion:

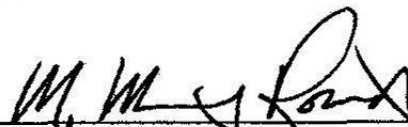
- Major Richard Little
- Sergeant Major Reginald Young
- Sergeant First Class Gregory Weekley
- Sergeant First Class Michael Rutledge
- Sergeant First Class Ryan McArthur
- Sergeant First Class Steven Stinson
- Sergeant First Class Lee Allen

Whereas, Their professionalism, attention to detail, and willingness to guide and instruct the soldiers have resulted in the 2nd Battalion 147th Field Artillery being fully prepared for its impending deployment; and,


Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend the 2nd Battalion (TS) (FA) 289th Regiment for their dedicated and outstanding service to this country. It is because of their direct involvement to the 2nd Battalion 147th Field Artillery that will enable them to deploy to Iraq, perform their mission, and, most importantly, ensure that it is able to bring all of its soldiers home safely at the completion of their tour of duty. On behalf of a grateful state, we thank you for your service.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State